

1 Draft Minutes of the Executive Board
2 Linn County Democratic Central Committee
3 Meeting Date: August 13, 2018

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5 MEMBERS PRESENT: Bret Niles, Valerie Smith, Karen
6 Black, Laura Geary Bell, Michael McGree, Andrew
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9 ALSO PRESENT: Holly Brown Catherine Chris, Lindsey
10 Ellickson, Bob Eckles, Joe Stutler

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12 I. CALL TO ORDER

13 a. A regular monthly meeting of the Executive
14 Board of the Linn County Democratic Central
15 Committee was held on July 8, 2018, at the
16 Kirkwood Linn County Regional Center in
17 Hiawatha, Iowa. Chair Bret Nilles called the
18 meeting to order at 6:35 PM, and Michael
19 McGree, Recording Secretary, was present. A
20 quorum was present.

21 II. STANDING COMMITTEES

22 a. Finance Committee

23 i. Search for a Financial Secretary is ongoing.

24 b. Technology Committee

25 i. Redesign effort for the new Linn County
26 Democrats website was discussed. Plans
27 for redesign are in the preliminary stages.

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c. Hospitality Committee

- i. Possible themes for upcoming Central Committee meetings were discussed, such as a Hawaiian theme.

d. Candidate Recruitment

- i. At the present time, there the full slate of Democratic candidates in Linn County.
- ii. Contingencies were discussed to search for a candidate for Linn County Auditor if it becomes necessary.

III. AFFIRMATIVE ACTION CHAIR

- a. Mrs. Ellickson reported on efforts by the Affirmative Action Committee to conduct outreach to underserved populations.
- b. Participation in summer festivals was discussed.

IV. CHAIR REPORTS:

- a. Disability Caucus: Caucus Chair Catherine Crist reporting
 - i. Upcoming planned activities of the Disability Caucus were reviewed:
 - 1. Upcoming listing post with Sen. Rita Hart.
 - 2. AIO conference has been pushed to the spring.
 - 3. DNC Disability Council will be in Chicago on August 23.
 - ii. Upcoming listen post with Rita

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- b. Labor Caucus
 - i. Significant activities of Labor Caucus were discussed.
 1. Resolution to be introduced at next Central Committee Meeting regarding University of Iowa Labor Center.
 2. Labor Caucus continues to canvas for candidates.
 3. Labor Caucus meets on second Wednesday of each month at 1211 Wiley Boulevard in Cedar Rapids.

c. Veterans Caucus

- i. No report

d. Stonewall Caucus

- i. No report

e. Progressive: Caucus Chair Lindsay Ellickson reporting

- i. Mrs. Ellickson reported on progress organizing the Linn County Progressive Caucus.

V. SECRETARY'S REPORT

a. Central Committee Members & Contact Detail

- i. Central Committee roster and allocation of Representatives to the First District Democrats from Linn County was discussed.

b. July meeting minutes

- 81 i. The July 9, 2018 Draft Minutes of the
82 Executive Committee of Linn County Central
83 Committee were approved as amended

84 VI. TREASURER'S REPORT

- 85 a. Cash on hand: \$27,469.49.
86 b. Office expenses and donations to candidates
87 were discussed.
88 c. A motion previously offered by the Chair to the
89 Executive Committee via electronic mail to
90 purchase three folding tables and 12 folding
91 chairs for \$249.99 + tax was approved on August
92 9, 2018.

93 VII. AUGUST CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

- 94 a. Guest Speaker at the August Central Committee
95 meeting will be Paul Iversen from the University
96 of Iowa Labor Center.
97 b. Recruitment strategies for a Financial Secretary
98 were discussed.

99 VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- 100 a. Linn County Democrats Campaign Offices –
101 What do we need?
102 i. A list of needed office supplies is posted in
103 campaign offices.

104 IX. NEW BUSINESS

- 105 a. Utilization of the West Cedar Rapids campaign
106 office as the general election approaches was
107 discussed.

108 b. The importance of volunteer recruitment was
109 emphasized as the general election approaches.

110 c. Holly Brown is going to be taking the lead on
111 organizing social media activities for the Central
112 Committee.

113 d. Catherine Chris spoke about the upcoming first
114 District Democrats central committee meeting on
115 9/15.

116 e. Lindsey Ellickson brought up the possibility of a
117 kids activity area at Central Committee meetings.

118 X. ADJOURNMENT

119 a. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.